

Indiana State Museum Summer Camps Discounted for State Employees

Nature exploration, photography, digging through history, identifying mastodons, and fiber arts are among the many new adventures of the Museum Camp program at the Indiana State Museum. Each camp will engage campers in hands-on activities and encourage creativity and teamwork.

As a state employee, you are entitled to discounted member rates for the museum's summer camps until May 26, 2008. If your child is interested in attending one of the camps, visit us at indianamuseum.org, for more information on activities, policies and services. Before and after care is available. Pre-registration is required. Call 317.232.1637 to register, and be prepared to have a great summer!

Fiber Arts Camp

June 9 to 13, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Ages 9-13
- Cost: \$185 member
- Registration Deadline: May 26

Fiber Arts camp is a great introduction for creative youths who like to work with their hands. Knitting and crocheting scarves, cross-stitching, and quilting are some of the different fiber art techniques campers will discover. In addition, campers will tour the exhibits *Quilting Blocks & Binding Threads* as well as *Radical Lace & Subversive Knitting* to help reinforce the techniques.

Writing and Performing Your Story

June 16 to 20, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Ages 11-14
- Cost: \$185 member
- Registration Deadline: June 2

Campers will illustrate their own personal story through creative arts of performance and writing. Participants will be introduced to the variety of ways personal histories are preserved while developing their own story to share at the camp's Performance Party.

Digging Through History: Archaeology Camp

June 23 to 27, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Ages 9-12
- Cost: \$100 member
- Registration Deadline: June 9

Archaeology Camp lets kids to learn what it's like to be an archaeologist through fun, hands-on activities. Campers will get to explore the diverse cultures that have called Indiana home for the past 12,000 years and understand their technology.

Picture This! Photography Camp

July 7 to 11, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Ages: 11-14
- Cost: \$185 member
- Registration Deadline: June 23

Campers will challenge perceptions about framing a photograph, learn the history of the art form and create a portfolio during this exciting week. They will expand their photographic skills, process film and experiment with printing their photographs. Each camper needs a non-disposable, non-digital 35mm camera.

Exploring Nature Camp

July 14 to 18, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Ages: 7-10
- Cost: \$100 member
- Registration Deadline: June 30

The museum joins with Eagle Creek Nature Center to unveil the natural wonders of plants and wildlife in our parks and backyards. Campers will go behind the scenes and discover Ice Age fossils and snake painting, and see how we can preserve our natural wonders in the exhibit *Footprints: Balancing Nature's Diversity*.

History Alive!

July 21 to 25, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Ages: 9-13
- Cost: \$185 member
- Registration Deadline: July 7

See what life was like for Hoosiers from the early 1800s through World War II. By “packing” their own wagon for the journey west to Indiana, experiencing life as a Civil War soldier and seeing firsthand how the Indiana State Museum preserves the Indiana story through its artifacts, campers will gain a new appreciation of history.

Animals Past and Present Camp

July 28 to August 1, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Ages: 9-12
- Cost: \$210 member
- Registration Deadline: July 14

Complementing the exhibit *Footprints: Balancing Nature's Diversity* and in partnership with the Indianapolis Zoo, campers will discover the diversity of animals in Indiana's past, such as mammoths, and compare them to the modern elephant to understand the importance of preserving nature for future generations.